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Legal Assistance Program in Court of Appeals Launched

The Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, launched a one-year pilot project in February to provide free and reduced-cost legal assistance to indigent persons involved in family and civil appeals emanating from the superior court in Maricopa County.

The program was created through the joint efforts of the court, the Appellate Section of the Arizona State Bar, the Volunteer Lawyers Program maintained by the Maricopa County Bar Association and Community Legal Services, and the Modest Means Program maintained by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education.

Through the program, unrepresented litigants filing an appeal in a civil or family law case with an income of up to 125% of the poverty level can obtain legal services from the Volunteer Lawyers Program. Individuals with an income between 125%-250% of the poverty level can access legal services through the Modest Means Program. The legal services available will vary depending on the program used and the facts of the case.

For more information about this program, visit www.cofad1.state.az.us.